

The Eternal Kingdom “The New Testament Church”

Lesson #6

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(Review previous lessons).

As we continue to look at the NT church, I would like for us to consider “Church in Preparation”.

The New Testament Church

- Church in Preparation
 - What was John the immersing one's role?
 - What was John's attitude towards Christ?
 - What the Old Law make people aware of?
 - What was the purpose of the Old Law?
 - What message did Jesus preach regarding "the Kingdom"?

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- The Church in Reality
 - During what major feast was the church established?
 - What guided the apostles into **all truth**?
 - Where was the birth place of the church?
 - Who was the man and what was the plan the Apostles preached?
 - How does this differ from what is preached today?

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- The Basis of Membership
 - “What shall we do?” (Acts 2:37)
 - In unison and in harmony, Jesus prepared His disciples to give an answer (Acts 2:38)
 - Nearly 3,000 responded and did exactly what they were commanded to do (Acts 2:41)
 - The Greek word for *baptism* means to submerge or immerse
 - There is only one baptism (Eph.4:4)
 - It is a burial and a resurrection (Rom.6:1-4; Col.2:11-12)
 - How does the math support 3,000 baptisms in one day?

The Basis of Growth from the Book of Acts Chapter Two

- Questions:
 - By what spirit were the apostles speaking with when they preached on Pentecost?
 - Was their language understandable by all?
 - Who was preached?
 - What was the multitude held accountable for?
 - How were they to be forgiven?
 - If God approved of denominations, why didn't all twelve apostle preach about it?
 - Once converted, what were these souls added unto?
 - What is the basis of membership?

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- Rapid Growth
 - 5,000 (Acts 4:4)
 - Multitudes were added (Acts 5:14)
 - The message never changed (5:42)
 - More multitudes were added (Acts 6:7)

(Read slide and all points).

Do we at any point see any deviation from Acts 2?

Why would anyone think those in Acts 5 or 6 would do anything different than what Jesus commanded the souls on Pent experienced? It wasn't different!